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ANNEX

Amendments to Annexes to Regulation (EU) 2026/249

(1) Annex IA is amended as follows:

(a) in Part A, Table 23 is replaced by the following:

| Table 23 | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Species: Sole <i>Solea</i> spp. and <i>Pegusa lascaris</i> | Zone: 8c, 8d, 8e, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (SOO/8CDE34) |
| Year | Each 2026 and 2027 |
| Spain | 185 |
| Portugal | 307 |
| Union | 492 ⁽¹⁾ |
| TAC | 492 ⁽¹⁾ |
| ⁽¹⁾ Within the limits of these quotas, no more than the following quantity of common sole (<i>Solea solea</i>) shall be taken (SOL/8CDE34): | |
| 190 | |

(b) in Part B, Table 1 is replaced by the following:

| Table 1 | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Species: Sandeel and associated by-catches <i>Ammodytes</i> spp. | Zone: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; Union waters of 3a SAN/2A3A4. ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | |
| Denmark | pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | | | | |
| Germany | pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | | | | |
| Sweden | pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | | | | |
| Union | pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | pm | | | | | |
| TAC | pm | | | | | |
| ⁽¹⁾ Catches in the different sandeel management areas set out below shall be reported separately. | | | | | | |
| ⁽²⁾ Up to 2% of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting (OT1/*2A3A4X). By-catches of whiting counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9% of the quota. | | | | | | |
| Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following sandeel management areas, as defined in Annex III: | | | | | | |
| Zone: Union waters of sandeel management areas | | | | | | |
| 1r | 2r | 3r | 4 | 5r | 6 | 7r |
| (SAN/234_1R)) ⁽³⁾ | (SAN/234_2R)) ⁽³⁾ | (SAN/234_3 R) | (SAN/234_ 4) | (SAN/234_5 R) | (SAN/234_6) ⁽³⁾ | (SAN/234_7 R) |

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Denmark | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Germany | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Sweden | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Union | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| United Kingdom | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Total | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |

⁽³⁾ Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall apply
Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall apply

(c) in Part B, Tables 10 and 11 are replaced by the following:

Table 10

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Species: Herring ⁽¹⁾ <i>Clupea harengus</i> | Zone: 3a (HER/03A.) |
| Denmark | 7 344 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ Analytical TAC |
| Germany | 117 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |
| Sweden | 7 682 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |
| Union | 15 143 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |
| Norway | Not relevant |
| TAC | 328 566 |

⁽¹⁾ Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.

⁽²⁾ Only the following amounts of the herring stocks HER/03A. (HER/*03A.) and HER/03A-BC (HER/*03A-BC) may be fished in 3a:

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Denmark | 554 |
| Germany | 8 |
| Sweden | 407 |
| Union | 969 |

⁽³⁾ Special condition: up to 50 % of this amount may be fished in United Kingdom waters of 4 (HER/*4-UK), and 50 % may be fished in Union waters of 4b (HER/*4B-EU).

Table 11

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Species: Herring ⁽¹⁾ <i>Clupea harengus</i> | Zone: Union, United Kingdom and Norwegian waters of 4 north of 53°30'N (HER/4AB.) |
| Denmark | 38 730 Analytical TAC |
| Germany | 25 421 Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies |
| France | 15 874 |
| Netherlands | 37 108 |
| Sweden | 2 731 |
| Union | 119 864 |
| Norway | 91 013 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| United Kingdom | 59 156 |
| TAC | 328 566 |

- (1) Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.
- (2) Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC. Within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantity may be taken in Union waters of 4b (HER/*04B-C):
- 2 700
- (3) Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than 250 tonnes may be taken in Norwegian and Union waters of 3a (HER/*03A).

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone:

Norwegian waters south of 62°N (HER/*4N-S62)

| | |
|-------|-------|
| Union | 2 700 |
|-------|-------|

(d) in Part B, Tables 57 to 59 are replaced by the following:

Table 57

| | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Species: Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> | Zone: Norwegian waters of 2 and 4 (WHB/24-N.) | |
| Denmark | 0 | Analytical TAC |
| Union | 0 | |
| TAC | 851 344 | |

Table 58

| | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Species: Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> | Zone: United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/1X14) | |
| Denmark | 38 983 (1) | Analytical TAC |
| Germany | 15 157 (1) | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies |
| Spain | 33 049 (1)(2) | |
| France | 27 129 (1) | |
| Ireland | 30 188 (1) | |
| Netherlands | 47 537 (1) | |
| Portugal | 3 070 (1)(2) | |
| Sweden | 9 643 (1) | |
| Union | 204 756 (1)(3) | |
| Norway | 47 905 (4)(5) | |
| Faroe Islands | Not relevant | |
| United Kingdom | Not relevant | |
| TAC | 851 344 | |

- (1) Special condition: within a total access limit of to be established tonnes for the Union, Member States may fish up to the following percentage of their quotas in Faroese waters (WHB/*05-F.): to be established %
- (2) Transfers of this quota may be effected to 8c, 9 and 10 and to Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission.
- (3) Special condition: from the Union quotas in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/*NZJM1) and in 8c, 9 and 10 and Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/*NZJM2), the following quantity may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen:
pm
- (4) May be fished in Union waters of 4, 6a North of 56°30'N, 6b and 7 West of 12°W (WHB/*46AB7-EU).
- (5) Special condition: from the Norwegian quota, the following quantity may be fished in Union waters of 4, 6a North of 56°30'N, 6b and 7 West of 12°W:
pm

Table 59

| | | | |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Species: | Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> | Zone: | 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/8C3411) |
| Spain | 26 242 | Analytical TAC | |
| Portugal | 6 561 | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies | |
| Union | 32 803 (1) | | |
| TAC | 851 344 | | |

- (1) Special condition: from the Union quotas in Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/*NZJM1) and in 8c, 9 and 10 and Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/*NZJM2), the following quantity may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen:
pm

(e) in Part B, Tables 103 to 105 are replaced by the following:

Table 103

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Species: | Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i> | Zone: | 3a; United Kingdom, Union waters of 2a, 3b, 3c; 3d and 4; Norwegian waters 2a and 4a (MAC/2A34-N.) |
| Belgium | pm (1)(2) | Analytical TAC | |
| Denmark | pm (1)(2)(4) | | |
| Germany | pm (1)(2) | | |
| France | pm (1)(2) | | |
| Netherlandss | pm (1)(2) | | |
| Sweden | pm (1)(2)(3) | | |
| Union | pm (1)(2) | | |
| TAC | pm | | |

- (1) Special condition: within the limits of those quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

| | 3a (MAC/*03A.) | United Kingdom and Union waters of 3a, 4b and 4c (MAC/*3A4BC) | 4b (MAC/*04B.) | 4c (MAC/*04C.) | United Kingdom and international waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (MAC/*2AX14) |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Belgium | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Denmark | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Germany | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| France | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Netherlands | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Sweden | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Union | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |

- (2) Within the limits of those quotas, and in agreement with the relevant coastal State, no more than the quantities given below may also be taken in the following two zones:

| | Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/*02A4AN-) | Faroese waters (MAC/*FRO1) |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Belgium | To be established | To be established |
| Denmark | To be established | To be established |
| Germany | To be established | To be established |
| France | To be established | To be established |
| Netherlands | To be established | To be established |
| Sweden | To be established | To be established |
| Union | To be established | To be established |

- (3) Special condition: the following quantity may be taken in Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/*2A4AN):
pm

When fishing under this special condition, by-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quotas for those species.

- (4) Within the limit of this quota, the following transfers are made by Denmark to be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 6, 7, 8d; Union waters of 8a, 8b and 8e; international waters of 12 and 14; and United Kingdom and international waters of 2a and 5b (MAC/*2A14):

| | |
|-------------|----|
| Germany | pm |
| Spain | pm |
| Estonia | pm |
| France | pm |
| Ireland | pm |
| Latvia | pm |
| Lithuania | pm |
| Netherlands | pm |
| Poland | pm |

Table 104

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Species: | Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i> | Zone: | 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 2a, 12 and 14 (MAC/2CX14-) |
| Germany | | pm | (1) Analytical TAC |
| Spain | | pm | (1) |
| Estonia | | pm | (1) |
| France | | pm | (1) |
| Ireland | | pm | (1) |
| Latvia | | pm | (1) |
| Lithuania | | pm | (1) |
| Netherlands | | pm | (1) |
| Poland | | pm | (1) |
| Union | | pm | (1) |
| Norway | To be established | | (1)(2)(3) |
| Faroe Islands | To be established | | (4) |
| United Kingdom | Not relevant | | (1) |

TAC 299 010

- (1) Special condition: of which up to 25% can be made available for exchanges to be fished by Spain, France and Portugal in 8c, 9 and 10 and Union waters of CEECAF 34.1.1 (MAC/*8C910).
- (2) May be fished in 2a, 6a north of 56°30'N, 4a, 7d, 7e, 7f and 7h (MAC/*AX7H).
- (3) The amount of access limit indicated below may be fished by Norway north of 56°30'N (MAC/*N5630). The amounts not counted under footnote 2 shall be counted against the catch limit established by Norway.
To be established
- (4) This amount shall be deducted from the Faroe Islands catch limit (access quota). It may be fished only in 6a north of 56°30'N (MAC/*6AN56). However, from 1 January to 15 February and from 1 October to 31 December this quota may also be fished in 2a, 4a north of 59°N (MAC/*24N59).

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones and periods:

| | | | |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | United Kingdom waters of 4a. During the periods from 1 January to 14 February and from 1 August to 31 December (MAC/*4A-UK) | Norwegian waters of 2a (MAC/*2AN-) | Faroese waters (MAC/*FRO2) |
| Germany | pm | To be established | To be established |
| Spain | pm | To be established | To be established |
| Estonia | pm | To be established | To be established |
| France | pm | To be established | To be established |
| Ireland | pm | To be established | To be established |
| Latvia | pm | To be established | To be established |

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Lithuania | pm | To be established | To be established |
| Netherlands | pm | To be established | To be established |
| Poland | pm | To be established | To be established |
| Union | pm | To be established | To be established |
| United Kingdom | Not relevant | Not relevant | Not relevant |

Table 105

| | | | |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Species: | Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i> | Zone: | 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (MAC/8C3411) |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------|

| | | | |
|----------|----|----------------|----------------|
| Spain | pm | ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC |
| France | pm | ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Portugal | pm | ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Union | pm | | |
| TAC | pm | | |

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: quantities subject to exchanges with other Member States may be taken in 8a, 8b and 8d (MAC/*8ABD.). However, the quantities provided by Spain, Portugal or France for exchange purposes and to be taken in 8a, 8b and 8d shall not exceed 25% of the quotas of the donor Member State.

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zone: 8b (MAC/*08B.)

| | |
|----------|----|
| Spain | pm |
| France | pm |
| Portugal | pm |

(2) Annex IB is amended as follows:

(a) Table 1 is replaced by the following:

Table 1

| | | | |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Species: | Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i> | Zone: | United Kingdom, Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2 (HER/1/2-) |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

| | | |
|-------------|--------|----------------|
| Belgium | 11 | Analytical TAC |
| Denmark | 10 675 | |
| Germany | 1 869 | |
| Spain | 35 | |
| France | 461 | |
| Ireland | 2 763 | |
| Netherlands | 3 820 | |
| Poland | 540 | |
| Portugal | 35 | |

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Finland | 165 |
| Sweden | 3 956 |
| Union | 24 330 |
| United Kingdom | Not relevant |
| TAC | 533 914 |

Special condition: within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

Norwegian waters north of 62°N and the fishery zone around Jan Mayen (HER/*2AJMN)

| | |
|-------------|----|
| Belgium | pm |
| Denmark | pm |
| Germany | pm |
| Spain | pm |
| France | pm |
| Ireland | pm |
| Netherlands | pm |
| Poland | pm |
| Portugal | pm |
| Finland | pm |
| Sweden | pm |
| Union | pm |

2, 5b north of 62°N (Faroese waters) (HER/*25B-F)

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Belgium | 0 |
| Denmark | 0 |
| Germany | 0 |
| Spain | 0 |
| France | 0 |
| Ireland | 0 |
| Netherlands | 0 |
| Poland | 0 |
| Portugal | 0 |
| Finland | 0 |
| Sweden | 0 |

(b) Table 4 is replaced by the following:

| Table 4 | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Species: Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i> | Zone: Svalbard waters; international waters of 1 and 2b (COD/1/2B.) |
| Germany | 1 507 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ Analytical TAC |

| | | | |
|----------|-------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Spain | 3 897 | (1)(2) | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply |
| France | 643 | (1)(2) | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply |
| Poland | 709 | (1)(2) | |
| Portugal | 822 | (1)(2) | |
| Others | 84 | (1)(2)(3) | |
| Union | 7 662 | (1)(2) | |

TAC Not relevant

- (1) The allocation of the share of the cod stock available to the Union in the Spitzbergen and Bear Island zone and the associated by-catches of haddock are without prejudice to the rights and obligations deriving from the 1920 Treaty of Paris.
- (2) By-catches of haddock may represent up to 14% per haul in the Spitzbergen and Bear Island zone. The by-catch quantities of haddock are in addition to the quota for cod.
- (3) Except Germany, Spain, France, Poland and Portugal. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (COD/1/2B_AMS).

(3) Annex ID is amended as follows:

(a) Table 12(1) is replaced by the following:

| Table 12(1) | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Species: | Bluefin tuna <i>Thunnus thynnus</i> | Zone: | ICCAT Convention area, east of 45°W (BFT/ICAE45W) |
| Cyprus | pm | (4) | Analytical TAC |
| Greece | pm | | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply |
| Spain | pm | (2)(4) | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply |
| France | pm | (2)(3)(4) | |
| Croatia | pm | (6) | |
| Italy | pm | (4)(5) | |
| Malta | pm | (4) | |
| Portugal | pm | | |
| Others | pm | (1) | |
| Union | pm | (2)(3)(4)(5)(6) | |

TAC 48 403,00 (1)

- (1) Except Cyprus, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Malta and Portugal, and exclusively as by-catch. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (BFT/ICAE45W_AMS).
- (2) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocation between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 1 of Annex VI (BFT/*E45W8301):

| | |
|--------|----|
| Spain | pm |
| France | pm |
| Union | pm |

- (3) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocation between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna weighing no less than 6,4 kg or measuring no less than 70 cm by the vessels referred to in point 1 of Annex VI (BFT/*E45W641):

| | |
|--------|----|
| France | pm |
| Union | pm |

- (4) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocations between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 2 of Annex VI (BFT/*E45W641):

| | |
|--------|----|
| Spain | pm |
| France | pm |
| Italy | pm |
| Cyprus | pm |
| Malta | pm |
| Union | pm |

* Of which 50% may only be fished in the Gulf of Lion.

- (5) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocations between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 3 of Annex VI (BFT/*E45W643):

| | |
|-------|----|
| Italy | pm |
| Union | pm |

- (6) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocations between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 3 of Annex VI for farming purposes (BFT/*E45W8303F):

| | |
|---------|----|
| Croatia | pm |
| Union | pm |

(b) Tables 7, 8, 11, 14 and 15 are replaced by the following:

Table 7

| Species: | Northern Albacore <i>Thunnus alalunga</i> | Zone: | ICCAT Convention area, north of 5°N, excluding Mediterranean (ALB/ICAN05NXM) |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ireland | 4 959,40 | Analytical TAC | |
| Spain | 27 953,00 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| France | 8 791,67 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Portugal | 3 065,81 | | |
| Union | 44 769,88 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | |
| United Kingdom | 552,80 ⁽³⁾ | | |
| TAC | 47 251,00 | | |

(1) The number of Union fishing vessels fishing for Northern albacore as a target species shall be: 1 241.

(2) Special condition: Within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantities may be taken in United Kingdom waters (ALB/*ICAN05NXM-UK):

| | |
|----------|--------|
| Ireland | 62,03 |
| Spain | 349,65 |
| France | 109,97 |
| Portugal | 38,35 |
| Union | 560,00 |

(3) Special condition: Within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantities may be taken in Union waters (ALB/*ICAN05NXM-EU):

560,00

Table 8

| Species: | Southern Albacore <i>Thunnus alalunga</i> | Zone: | ICCAT Convention area, south of 5°N (ALB/ICAS05N) |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Spain | 1 087,65 | Analytical TAC | |
| France | 357,44 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Portugal | 761,16 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 2 206,25 | | |
| TAC | 28 000,00 | | |

Table 11

| Species: | Bigeye tuna <i>Thunnus obesus</i> | Zone: | ICCAT Convention area (BET/ICCAT) |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Spain | 8 420,35 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| France | 3 576,59 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Portugal | 2 921,48 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 14 918,42 ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| TAC | 73 000,00 ⁽¹⁾ | | |

⁽¹⁾ Catches of bigeye tuna by purse seiners (BET/*ICCATPS) and longliners with an overall length of 20 metres and above (BET/*ICCATLL) shall be reported separately. As of June, when catches reach 80% of the quota, Member States are required to transmit the catches for these fishing vessels on a weekly basis.

Table 14

| Species: | Swordfish <i>Xiphias gladius</i> | Zone: | ICCAT Convention area, north of 5°N, excluding Mediterranean (SWO/ICAN05NXM) |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Spain | 6 720,29 ⁽²⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| Portugal | 1 108,20 ⁽²⁾ | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Others | 162,84 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 7 991,33 | | |
| TAC | 14 769,00 | | |

⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for by-catches. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (SWO/ICAN05NXM_AMS).

⁽²⁾ Special condition: up to 2,39 % of this quantity may be fished in the ICCAT Convention area, south of 5°N (SWO/*ICAS05N). Catches to be counted against the special condition of the shared quota shall be reported separately (SWO/*ICAS05N_AMS).

Table 15

| Species: | Swordfish <i>Xiphias gladius</i> | Zone: | ICCAT Convention area, south of 5°N (SWO/ICAS05N) |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Spain | 4 984,34 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| Portugal | 317,86 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 5 302,20 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| TAC | 10 000,00 | | |

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: up to 3,51 % of this quantity may be fished in the ICCAT Convention area, north of 5°N (SWO/*ICAN05N).

- (4) Annex IH is replaced by the following:

ANNEX IH

SPRFMO CONVENTION AREA

| Table 1 | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Species: Toothfishes <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. | Zone: SPRFMO Convention area, research blocks A and B ⁽¹⁾ (TOT/SPR-AB) |
| TAC | pm ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ Precautionary TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply |

- (1) Research block A:

| | |
|-----|-------------------|
| NW: | 50°30'S, 136°E |
| NE: | 50°30'S, 140°30'E |
| SE: | 54°50'S, 140°30'E |
| SW: | 54°50'S, 136°E |

Research block B:

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|-----|-------------------|
| NW: | 52°45'S, 140°30'E |
| NE: | 52°45'S, 145°30'E |
| SE: | 54°50'S, 145°30'E |
| SW: | 54°50'S, 140°30'E |

- (2) This annual TAC is only for exploratory fisheries, as defined in Article 4, point 11, of Regulation (EU) 2018/975 of the European Parliament and of the Council*. Fishing shall be limited to depths between 600 m and 2 500 m. Fishing shall be limited to one trip of a maximum duration of 60 consecutive days which may occur any time between 1 May and 15 November. All fishing shall cease immediately if the death of the following occurs:

- (a) one of any of the following species: wandering albatross (*Diomedea exulans*), grey-headed albatross (*Thalassarche chrysostoma*), black-browed albatross (*Thalassarche melanophris*), grey petrel (*Procellaria cinerea*), soft-plumaged petrel (*Pterodroma mollis*); or
- (b) three individuals of any of the following species: light-mantled albatross (*Phoebastria palpebrata*), southern giant petrel (*Macronectes giganteus*) and northern giant petrel (*Macronectes halli*).

Fishing shall further be limited to a maximum number of 5 000 hooks per set, with a maximum of 100 sets. Longlines shall be set at least 3 nautical miles apart from each other, and not set at previous longline locations within one calendar year. Fishing shall cease either when the TAC is reached or if 100 sets have been set and hauled during the trip, whichever is earlier.

* Regulation (EU) 2018/975 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) Convention Area (OJ L 179, 16.7.2018, p. 30, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/975/oj>).

- (3) Of which up to pm tonnes may be fished in research block A. As the catch limit for research block A is approached, shorter lines shall be set to ensure that the catch limit is not exceeded. Catches of toothfishes in research block A shall be reported separately (TOT/SPR-A).
- (4) Of which up to pm tonnes may be fished in research block B. As the catch limit for research block B is approached, shorter lines shall be set to ensure that the catch limit is not exceeded. Catches of toothfishes in research block B shall be reported separately (TOT/SPR-B).

Table 2

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|-------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Species: | Jack mackerel <i>Trachurus murphyi</i> | Zone: | SPRFMO Convention area (CJM/SPRFMO) |
| Germany | pm | Analytical TAC | |
| Netherlands | pm | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Lithuania | pm | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Poland | pm | | |
| Union | pm | | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

(5) Annex IM is replaced by the following:

ANNEX IM

NPFC CONVENTION AREA

Table 1

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Species: | Chub mackerel <i>Scomber japonicus</i> | Zone: | NPFC Convention area |
| Union | To be established (1)(3)(4)(5) | Precautionary TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| NPFC Contracting Parties, including Union | To be established (1)(2)(3)(4) | | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

(1) May only be fished from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2027.

(2) Special condition: under this catch limit no more than the quantities given below may be taken by the following vessels:

| Trawlers* (MAS/NPFC-TR) | Purse seiners* (MAS/NPFC-PS) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| To be established | To be established |

* The fisheries under those catch limits will be closed by NPFC Contracting Parties, including for the Union by the Commission, within two days from the issue date of the notice of the NPFC Executive Secretary that the utilisation of those catch limits has reached 95 %.

(3) Only one trawler flying the flag of a Member State shall be authorised to fish for chub mackerel at any time. That applies without prejudice to any allocation of future fishing opportunities by the Union in the NPFC Convention area, in particular to the Member State authorised to fish in the period from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2027.

(4) Union fishing vessels over 10 000 gross tonnage shall not be authorised to fish for chub mackerel.

(5) Catches under this quota shall be reported separately (MAS/NPFC-EU).

(6) Annex VI is amended as follows:

(a) Point 4 is replaced by the following:

4. Maximum number of fishing vessels of each Member State that may be authorised to fish for, retain on board, tranship, transport or land bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

| | Number of fishing vessels ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|-------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| | Greece ⁽²⁾ | Spain | France | Croatia | Italy | Cyprus ⁽³⁾ | Malta ⁽⁴⁾ | Portugal |
| Purse seiners ⁽⁵⁾ | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Longliners | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Baitboats | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Handline | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Trawlers | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Small-scale | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| Other artisanal ⁽⁶⁾ | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm | pm |
| <p>(1) The numbers in this table may be further increased, provided that the Union's international obligations are complied with.</p> <p>(2) One medium-size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels, or by one small purse seiner and three other artisanal vessels.</p> <p>(3) One medium-size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels, or by one small purse seiner and no more than three longline vessels.</p> <p>(4) One medium-size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels.</p> <p>(5) The individual numbers of purse seiners in this table are the result of transfers between Member States and do not constitute historical rights for the future.</p> <p>(6) Polyvalent vessels, using multi-gear equipment (longline, handline, trolling line).</p> | | | | | | | | |

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(b) Point 5 is replaced by the following:

5. Maximum number of traps engaged in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery authorised by each Member State

| Maximum number of traps | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Member State | Number of traps |
| Spain | pm |
| Italy | pm |
| Portugal | pm |

(c) Point 6 is replaced by the following:

6. Maximum number of authorised farms and maximum input of wild-caught bluefin tuna that each Member State may allocate to its farms in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean

| Maximum number of authorised farms and input of wild-caught bluefin tuna | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Number of farms | Input (in tonnes) |
| Greece | pm | pm |
| Spain | pm | pm |
| Croatia | pm | pm |
| Italy | pm | pm |
| Cyprus | pm | pm |
| Malta | pm | pm |
| Portugal | pm | pm |